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JOURNAL OF JAMES KENNY, 1761–1763.

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7th.—Col[l] Clappum Sold a House in this Bottom lately to Jn[o] Ormsby for £130., notwithstanding y[e] General Orders against buying or Selling Houses.

9th.—Tom Green, one of y[e] Delawares, came here who informs me that he has been up on y[e] Heads of Susquehanna lately & broght away his Mother & Brother, also that some Hund[r] Delawares who liv'd there amongst y[e] Mingoes are come away & settled at Cuscuskies Salt Licks—Delawar Towns this way. This Day we sent off 19 Load of Skins, being all we had left except a few Bears.

10th.—I hear'd that last Summer when Cap[t] Trent return'd from Philad[a], he report'd that y[e] Goods in our Store were to be Sold off as quick as possible & y[e] Store to be broke up, & said no more Quakerism on this side y[e] Alegheny Mountain, notwithstanding it continues yet.

11th.—An express came Yesterday from Redstone Creek, with Account that One Tumblestone & another White Man that Settled above Redstone was kill'd (one Shot, y[e] Other Tomhock'd in y[e] Head) by y[e] Indians, being lying dead in their House.

12th.—It Greives y[e] Indians to see y[e] White People Settle on these Lands & follow Hunting or Planting, especially in Virginia side & off y[e] Road too.

13th.—Some Days ago Cap[t] Callend[r] came here who says that coming over Laurel Hill y[e] Snow was 15 Inches deep there. Cap[t] Barnsley show'd me some Lettuce & Cabbage in his Garden Planted out this Spring, being rais'd from seed; I have some come up.

*14*th.—This Day many of the Soldiers taken Sick, ye Matter of 18 in 24 Hours, with a kind of Cold & Cough.

*16*th.—Went over ye River to get home some Shingle Boults; Catched 7 fish; some Thundr & Rain, very Windy.

*18*th.—Got me a Suit of Fustin made here for ye Summer Cost abot £5.

*19*th.—I am taken very Sick with this Epidemick Cold & fever.

*20*th.—The Air got midling Cool; ye Indians are all Chiefly Sick wth ye Cold & Cough, such that resorts here about.

*22*d.—A party of ye Mingo Warriors return'd having brought Two Prisinoers & Eight Scalps of Cherokees as they say. I went over ye River & Catch'd two Pearch, but cast me into a fever all ye Evening.

*23*rd.—This Day one of ye Mingo Warriors shew'd me a Meddle of Copper taken off one of ye Cherokees they Kill'd, having ye King of England's Coat of Arms on one Side & ye Words Lower Cherokees on ye other Side.

*24*th.—Dream'd last Night I seen a Large Stack Yard containing many Stacks of Wheat & many of Hay, being raised by great Industry on some New Rough Place that I thought could never Produce so well as it did.

*25*th.—River got Very Low; ye Mingo Wariors had got some new Shilling Bills, Virginia money, which they pass'd some of at one Nedy Graham's our Neighbour.

*26*th.—I was at ye Wariors encampment, & seen ye Prisoners & the Scalps, one of the Prisoners being a Tall Spair fellow who had been out this way, helping ye English a few years ago & was known by some of ye Soldiers here who Spoke to him, ye other is a Young Lad, its thot by some ye Delawares, that they will Burn this Prissoner as they say he kill'd one of their Company before he was taken.

*27*th.—Delaware George came here by Water from Cuscuskeys & is carried on a Blanket between four Indians from ye Canoe & to it his Days are so near Expireing; we had some Trade today.

*28*th.—In Trading yesterday with some Delawares One Wm Tunum, that Talks English well, Insisted to have 2 Yards Cloth in Every Stroud being 12/ pr yard & to pay but 20/ for a Stroud & finding we gave but a yard & ¾ he said that Levy ye Jew gave 2 yds & he supos'd we put ye rest in our own pockets, but Levy coming in he ask'd him & Levy deny'd that he gave any more then we did.

*29*th.—One of ye Mingo Warriors brot a Beaver late in ye Evening, it came to 2½lb Powder, so I took his Bag & went for ye Powdr by myself, he scruppled my measure, I told him there was 2½ Pints but he wanted to see it measur'd, so I measured it & it held out Large measure; I laugh'd at him & he Clapt me on ye Shoulder & sd it was right.

*5*mo *1*st.—Delaware George Dyed last Night, to be burried to Morrow.

*2*nd.—This Day Delaware George was Interr'd over ye Alegheny River; a file of Soldiers attend'd, who fire'd three Rounds over his Grave. Geo. Croghan & many White people attend'd ye Burrial, in ye night ye Indns Shot off Guns many times, as they say to drive away ye Evil Spirit.

*4*th.—Here was some Indians that moved away from ye Heads of Susquahanna going to Live at ye Delaware Towns up Beaver Creek; they Traded some with us; we had some good Potatos of them.

*5*th.—There was some Nights since 4 Horses of young Gibson's Stole & since 2 Horses of Hammelton's ye Commissiray at Legonier, they being sent to Croghans place for safty while he & his Miss stay'd here a Visiting.

*7*th.—Cool Weather. A young Man came up by Fort

Cumberland Road several Days ago & brought a Cargo of Rum undiscover'd till he came here but was found out by ye Col^l^ who had him put in ye Guard House, seiz'd his Rum, ye Court Martial has agreed to have it refered to ye General so he is set at Liberty, but ye Rum is secured. Jno Ormsby ye Commessary had bought it of him, & its said it will make a hole in his Coat pocket.

10th.—This Day is report'd bad news, by Letters come to ye Col^l^, that South Carolina is taken by ye French & Spannards.

11th.—Jno Hart Says that there is fifteen Hundred Mingoes to come this way in a few Days, s^d^ to be going against ye Cherokees, but so many coming at once is not very acceptable here, but is Ind^n^ News.

12th.—One Canoe with Wariors is gone down ye River this Day & Three more come, its said by one of them that out of 200 that went against ye Cherokees only 5 return'd this Spring.

14th.—Bought a Horse for a Debt Andrew Buyerly Ow'd (ye Agent bo^t^ him) I rid him down ye South Side ye River to Shirtees Rock, & left him with ye Grass Guard; fine Meadow Land on ye branches of Shirtees Creek; ye three Canoes of Wariors is gone down ye River.

15th.—We had a Letter from Frederick Post, wherein he mentions that since he went to Philadelphia, in his absence Shamoken David & another Indian has prejudiced ye Inhabitants of Tuscorawas against him so much, that altho' they had allow'd him to Clear as much Land as he pleas'd, now they have limmited him to about half an Acre.

16th.—Levy Hicks who was taken Prissoner from Kanahwas near Fort Frederick, on Potomack, Informs me that he took along with ye Mingo Wariors in ye Winter from ye Mouth of Moosekinggum as he lives with ye Delawares there, that they met a Party of Cherokees near to some large Town of theirs coming this

way, abo^{t} 40 in number, & they being 70 Mingoes they took Eight Scalps & three prissoners, one being ye Capt of ye Cherokees who was about making peace last Year amongst ye Mingoes, & when his party was fled, he spoke in Mingo & said he was Mistaken, for he had thought they were Wyondots, but ye surrounded him & took him prisoner, on which he said he was going to confirm ye Peace with them, but ye other two prisoners being ask'd, said they were coming to see this Fort, & get some White Mens Scalps that might be out tending Horses, so ye Mingo Capt told him he lyed & then Tomhock'd him, ye other two I seen here.

17th.—Flemming ye Post came, but no bad News concerning Carolina.

18th.—A Delewar call'd Davy, Ask'd me whether I would give Songkeccan (i—e. ye Lock) Rum for a White Boy Taken at Tuscorara (called John Croughran) which I wanted from him last year, all ye Liquors was forbidden to be sold or given to Indians (I told him) & shew'd him ye Hurt it done them; he told me ye Lock ask'd 20 Gallons or £50 in money, I told him that would be Selling them as Servants at a Dearer Rate than Negroes is Sold, & that ye General and our Governor expect'd they would bring them all in & deliver them according to promise; after he return'd with Lock & ye family but s^{d} no more ab^{t} it.

19th.—Some time ago some ye Delewars Informs us that A Man & Boy of their Nation was kill'd down Near Moosekinggum & a White Boy Carried off by ye Tawas & Picks having Track'd them to ye side ye Lake, for which they threaten Revenge.

21st.—It's Report'd by a Trader that Winter'd at Tuscorawas, that some of ye Indians there Inform'd him, When ye Traders was not allow'd last year to go to ye Shawanas, & they were Limmitted when they came here in buying Powder & Lead to five Pounds Powd^{r} a Man, & Ten of Lead, That Nation had concluded to

hold a Council in order to put all their Women & Children to Death & ye Men to carry on a War against ye English while one of them remain'd.

24th.—Bought A Cow some months agoe for Six Pounds worth of Goods, but not proving with Calf I Swap'd her for a Cow & Calf, which I could not Buy und^r^ Eight Pounds Ten Shillings in Cash.

25th.—Now there is talk of Co^l^ Bouquet going Down & Capt Barnsly being Command^r^ till he return.

26th.—Lieu^t^ Moyer told me that there is no Artifisers to be Imploy'd this Year, & its said that Co^l^ Air chief Engenier, found fault with ye Situation of the Fort & its thought that from his report to ye General it will be Built on some Higher Ground, but this is only suposition.

29th.—Jacob Stroud came with some Goods for us from Philad^a^; been very Bussy examining ye same & making up a Load of Skins.

30th.—Inform'd by Keecaise that the Beaver King & ye Indians about Tuscorawas though of ye Lenappe Nation, yet are not Delewars properly, likewise that ye Beaver never was made a King by ye Indians, but by ye people of Virginia, and that Neat-hot-whelme was ye Deleware King, & Tuscologas a Half King, being half a Mingo.

31st.—Col^l^ Boquet gone down in ye Country yesterday & Capt Barnsley Commands here now; Barnsley told me that some of our Friends had taken Commissions in ye Millitary way, I ask'd him if he did not like them ye Better, but he s^d^ not abit ye Better; he seems to shew a regard for Friends.

Went down to Shirtees Rocks to see our Horse &c.

6mo 2^d^.—Several people that's much adicted to Sheaming having come to our House at times I have reprov'd often, & shuned their Company & I think they take notice that I can sit with ye Indians & some that they look upon meaner then themselves, but I say I would

rather converse with a Good Beggar then a Wicked Great Man.

3rd.—We see no more of ye Mingo Wariors yet going against ye Cherokees; Keecaise being Hunting up ye Monongehela says, that he seen ye White men that were kill'd above Redstone, & that it was done by two Cherokee Men, One Woman & a Boy being Track'd & pursued by other Indians two Days.

4th.—A man came today for ye Doctor in great Haste. Col^l Boquet & Capt Orey at Bedford being Riding out in a Chair ye Horse Run off & Broke the Chair, Broke Orys Leg & hurt ye Col^l much.

5th.—Ye Man that came here for ye Doctor yesterday, is said to have come up in 25 Hours from Bedford.

6th.—We hear from Tuscorowas that Shingass is very Sick, which hinders the Indians coming to go to ye Treaty until his recovery; its generally said by ye White people, that he shews them ye Most Kindness & generossity of all ye Indians thereabouts.

7th.—Charles Kenny Bought a Creature in ord^r to go doun in ye Contry but ye Agent agreed with him to Stay One Month Longer, so we took ye Creature down to ye Grass Guard at Shirtees. Having Planted out abo^t four Hund^r of Cabbage Plants, there is not I think fourty left but what ye Grasshoppers has Eatten; they have serv'd them so in ye King's Garden likewise.

9th.—I am inform'd by a White Lad prissoner that lived with White Eyes, When ye French was gather'd with ye Indians this time four years, at Vennango, to come down to take Pittsburgh, that ye s^d White Eyes got a very Long Belt of White Wampum made & sent to ye Indians then assembled with ye French, requesting of them to Desist coming against this place, which put them in a Consternation, & set 'em to Counciling, which did not End till ye Express Arriv'd from ye French at Niagara, which turn'd them that way to their defate. Also that ye s^d White

Eyes had strongly advised the Delawars to make peace with ye English before they should take Fort Duquesne, or Else they would Cut them all off, which was agreed to and having set off & got as far as Tortle Creek, ye French Commander sent much Wampum With his Cunning Interpreters to alter their minds, so a party of French & them abo^{t} 200 in all, went toward Legonier to get Horses, but ye Indians Held another Council, sending an Ind^{n} to ye English Command^{r} to ask liberty to come to make peace, but before ye Messenger got to ye Fort ye rest were discovered by ye English and a battle began, so ye Messenger hearing ye Guns return'd, ye French & Ind^{n} fled & White Eyes was Shot thro ye jaws; ye English fired one upon another; on his return here told ye Command^{r} would never Espouse his cause any longer at this time. Frederick Post was on his way to ye Ind^{ns} to demand Peace & Jam^{s} Hays & five of his men, that Escort'd Post, was Kill'd on returning by s^{d} Ind^{s}.

10th.—The former Acco^{t} I have been Inform'd by White Men also that White Eyes told ye Ind^{ns} that they went to ye Inhabitants, & Kill'd Old Women & Children but did not hurt ye English Soldiers, Neither was able, for they seem'd not to Value all that they had met with, but like a Strong Buffelo Bull that had got a Wound, pushed right forward at his Enemy, & would not be turn'd. Inform'd that there are Nightinggales to ye Northward about ye uper Lakes, one being Shot by a Serjent that came here.

12th.—Some of ye Tweetwees came here who live I immagine ye furthest off of desired to Hold a Treaty or Speke with ye Command^{r}.

14th.—Receiv'd a Letter from Benjam^{n} Elliot giving Acco^{t} my brother John was married.

15th.—The Tweetwees brought us ye chief of what Peltry they had being Good Beaver Otter & Racoons.

17th.—Ephraim Blaine came here some Days ago

from Carslile, & left several Noats & orders with me on people that owed him, as did Wm Johnson some time ago.

19th.—Went about 2 Mile up ye Monongahele & Reaped about a dozen Sheaves of Cheat mix'd with some Timothy, some few Ears of Spelse, Barley, & Rye, being at Shepherds' Landing where ye Teames used to be fed that Haul'd Timber.

20th.—This Day went in 4 Hours up to Bradock's field in our Canoe with my Brother & 2 other Men, where ye Mens Bones lyes plenty yet, where ye men were Drawn up in a line.

21st.—Inform'd by ye Pipe Ind^{n} from Tuscorawas that Chingass is got well & in about 12 Days they will be here on their way to the Treaty; that ye Beaver King says that he will Deliver Frederick Post to ye Governor & tell him to keep him at home.

22^{d}.—Inform'd by young Jacobs, that his father i. e. Netotwhelmy ye Delawar King & Tuscologas ye Half Delaware & Half Mingo King is also coming to go with ye Beaver to ye Treaty.

23rd.—Inform'd that there are down on ye Missippi a Large sort Wolves having no hair on their Legs or Belly being very Ravenous, one of which Kill'd ye Beavers first Wife. I have been Very unwell this Day with Simtoms of ye Ague.

26th.—Walked with Capt Barnsley thro' his Garden awhile.

27th.—I hear that a Shawana Young fellow Rob'd Thos Mitchel & Jno Bard of sundry Goods; being suport'd by ye Men of ye Town, that he feign'd himself Crazey.

30th.—Heard Serjent Cleark tell of a Woman being Kill'd with many more of an escort going from Albany to Fort Edward some years ago, said Woman's hand & part ye Arm would stand out ye Grave being several

times buried & was seen by him for several Days untill it Wither'd above Ground.

7mo 1st.—Capt Callender came here from Detroit & says that some Weeks ago they Had Thunder & lightning there for a Month together & we had it here pretty constant.

7mo 3rd.—This Day ye Beaver King & Frederick Post & many Indns came from Tuscorawas going to ye Treaty.

5th.—Kings Netotwhelmy & Tuscologass came to Day, some ye Heads of ye Shawanas, Tawas, Weweaughtanies, Tweetwees &c.

6th.—I was employ'd by Frederick Post to buy a fat Beef for the use ye Indians, which was kill'd this morning & ye Young men Caried ye same over ye River, being very Thankfull.

7th.—Ye Indians have brought about 50 Prisoners esteem'd to be abot half ye numr ye Delewars have; they could hardly find Kettles to Boyle their meat; Major Ward, Croghans Brother, having ye Care of ye Indian affairs now at this place would not find them Kettles as they are under ye conduct of Frederick Post by ye Governors ordr to take them down to ye Treaty. Ward insist'd that Post should buy large Kettles at ye charge ye Province, but we Lent him some, also Ward had mention'd (as I been inform'd) to them of delivering ye Prisoners to him, which might be of ill consequence as many of 'em might return back to ye Indians, some being hid or run away already, but this on consideration was declined.

8th.—The Indian chiefs held Several Councils amongst them about delivering ye Prisoners, being of Different Oppinions at last conclud'd by the Half King, Custologas & ye Delaware King Netotwhelmy & their Councils to return home, having sent deputies with ye Beaver King to ye Treaty.

9th.—The particulars were nominated that Should go

down, about 30 Indians & 18 Prisoners, chiefly Women & Children.

10th.—They set off about 3 o'Clock this afternoon, & as Frederick Post was order'd by Governor Hammelton to Cunduct them down to a Treaty in our Province, ye burden fell much on him to attend them & many complaints they made that Ward would not let them have Victuals enough; Post hired about 12 Horses to help ye Women & Children along.

11th.—Receiv'd ods of £33. worth of Peltry of Custologa ye half King, kept us almost all Day. White Eyes turn'd back his Creature having Run from him, but I seem to think he was asham'd to go down so few of ye Prisoners being taken to it, ye Treaty.

12th.—This day Fleming ye Post set off from here, I Wrote Ellis Hughs, Isrl Pemberton & Jno Bartram.

13th.—Came back ye Company of Warriors that Kill'd Huling's cow, when going out, they brought 1 Prisoner & 5 Scalps; three Great Guns was fired to answer their Salute.

14th.—The Shawas have sent out Hunters (they say) in order to get 20 Horse Load Skins, to Carry down with all ye Prisoners they Have in case their Deputies brings a Satisfactory Account of ye present Treaty with ye Delawars, in token of being fully reconcil'd; we hear ye Papists have Rebell'd in Ireland.

15th.—I hear that Killbuck had been threatening Old Col Cressop, & that in ye War time he says he lay many Days on a Hill Oposite his house waiting to Kill ye Old Col, upon hearing of which Old Cressep has sent Killbuck a Chellange that he wou'd fight him, each to take a Gun. This Letter coming now a few days since has frightend Killbuck from going to ye Treaty.

18th.—The Trade that comes to this place pritty much devolves to our House, Especially from ye Delewars, & could we be safe in Trusting a little we should have almost all their Custom.

20th.—The Scheme project'd by G. C. of Trusting ye Indians which Levy, Trent & Co done much in it, now do not turn out Satisfactory, ye Indians not paying, ye Credit Stops; there is dissatisfaction in both sides.

21st.—The Shawanas that came to ye Treaty brought a Double Tooth here wh weigh'd 6¾lb & a piece about 15 Inches Long of an Eye Tooth.

22d.—Robert Pusey (a Cossen of Joshua Pusey) came here from ye Shawana Town being a Prissoner there about 5 years; he brought a Tooth weigh'd 4½lb & says that these Teeth are Esteem'd, that there are some Teeth too Heavy to be carried, that there are Horns about 12 foot Long, as I suppose is ye Eye teeth of Elephants.

23rd.—None of ye Indians can remember of seeing any of these Creatures alive, neither do they Know who kill'd them, but that there is a little Stone fortification made near the Lake where its believ'd ye Indians that kill'd them ambuscad'd themselves.

25th.—The Collonel has sat up ye Common Prayer & Littiany to be read on ye first Days ye Week. Jno Ormsby Reads the Prayr's.

26th.—Amongst other things, I am Inform'd by Robert Pusey that this Summer was four years ago, when Nanticoke Will came here from amongst ye Shawanas being ye first of them that came to See us; ye Account I gave him of ye Matters in Adjetation & ye Advice with ye List of ye Prices of Goods & Peltry with us, had such effect when he return'd home as to Stop about fourty or fifty Wariors just then going against ye English having held a Council & Stop't them; also that they profess a Great regard for ye Quakers & was against their Wariors coming to Pennsylvania at all, but are Still Spitefull against Virginia.

27th.—Here has been two men from ye borders of Carrolina who has pass'd many Counterfit £5 Bills Virginia Money, and ye Coll^l has Order'd to carry him

all ye Counterfit Bills above mentioned, in ord^r^ I hear, to send them to ye Governor of Virginia.

30th.—Came here from Philad^a^ David Franks & John Reed Contractors to Settle ye Provission Acco^ts^.

8mo 1st.—Indian Peter return'd from Detroit & Says that another Belt for War, was sent by ye Mingoes to ye Wyondots who carried it to Capt Camble, & that ye Indians back there talks that ye English are going to Strike them. Meeting Mohickan John going from here, who told him he hear'd it at this place amongst ye White People, also that Michael Teafe has told ye Indians some foolish Stuff also, that Mohickan Jno s^d^ that ye Indians who went to the Treaty would never Return.

2^d^.—An old fisherman Nam'd Robert Elliot fell out of his Canoe last Night, being at Ancor fishing, & was Drownded, not being found yet.

3rd.—Three days agoe return'd a Company of Mingo Warriors having One Prisoner & One Scalp of ye Cherokees.

4th.—Jacob Stroud, & 3 Waggons more came here, he bro^t^ sundry Goods.

9th.—Load'd two Waggons with Peltry yesterday and they set off; I sent my Wolf, Racoon & Wild Cat, a present to ye Governor.

11th.—Been very Wet and Rainey to Day. An Acco^t^ been taken of ye Provissions at this place, ye 7th of this month: there appears to be 67,696^lb^ Good Flour & 41,159 part Good & part bad, Due by the Baker's allowing 25 p^r^ cent of Bread to 100^lb^ Flour 8,781^lb^; Remain in Store 117,636^lb^; 733^lb^ Rice, 284 Barrels Beef, 66 ditto Pork, 679 Pounds Bacon, 238 Oxen, 4 Milch Cows, 76 Sheep, 7 Hogs, 332 Bushels Salt. There was Condemn'd by a Court of Enquiry 10,068^lb^ Flour & 1097^lb^ Butter. Allow'd for Wastage by Jno Ormsby Commassary here, 22,352^lb^ Flour & ab^t^ 4 Barrels Pork & Mutton, also Kill'd by Wolves & other Accidents 6

Oxen, 13 Sheep, & 2 Swine. Whether ye King's Commassary will allow of ye s^d^ Wastage is a question.

*12*th.—Its said ye remaind^r^ of Damaged Flour is to be Condemn'd, I hear'd ye Grenediers refused to Eat of it.

*13*th.—There has been Great Rains up ye Monongahela as it has Rose very fast & High, so that it cuts a Cross ye Alegheny & drives Logs, Canoes &c up it with ye back Water.

*16*th.—Edward Graham who has not been three Weeks gone from this place, has been at New York, in ye Jerseys & return'd here last Night; he met my Brother Charles at Legonier, who inform'd him that he had kill'd Seventy-two Rattle Snakes by Buyerly's at Brushey Run, being Coyled in three Heaps of different Seizes.

*17*th.—Pritty much Wet Weather; I hear'd by Edwd Graham that ye Indians were got to Scots, near Lancaster, when he met them, & that they had got some Liquor, but want'd to have more; being refus'd of it they told Frederick Post he should no more Travel in ye front as a Cap^n^ but should go in ye reer, & that he should not return back to live with them.

*19*th.—William Clappam who was Co^l^ formerly, his Son follow'd Trading at Detroit & leaving that place some Months ago, in order to come here, having Sent ye rest of his Company to Sandusky to come here by Land, himselfe & a Man & Woman (Prisoners being Indians) that those Nations Sell for Slaves when taken by them, he having bought these two set off in a large Bark Canoe along ye Lake for Presque Isle, only them two Prisoners with him; now there is no Account of them.

*20*th.—John Doubty, an old Indian Man Born in the Jerseys, Tells me that the Indians were much better People before any White People came amongst them, then now; that they used frequently Morning & Night Prayer and return'd thanks to ye Good Spirit Above,

for preserving them, and that they knew nothing of any sort Ind^{n} Corn, untill ye first of that Seed they got out of a Deer they had kill'd, only one grain between ye Skin & Ribs which they plant'd & soon had great Increase, So that a feast was made & many Indians Invited to Eat fat Venison Boyl'd with Corn, so they Eat & return'd thanks to ye Creatore of all things, for sending them that Good Grain & that they got Wheat in Same Manner, but made little progress in raising it. After ye White people Came ye Dutch about New York shot an Ind^{n} for pulling Peaches off his trees, which caus'd Wars, & after Peace, ye Indians being settled thick in a Town Near ye Dutch, in a very deep Snow, ye Dutch taking ye advantage kill'd ye Indians only one made his escape, who allarm'd others so that two other Wars & Peaces ensued, ye last Peace lasting untill this late War. He says that after ye White people bro^{t} Rum & suply'd ye Indians with it, they forgot God & lost their former Devotion.

21st.—Here is a Sort of Grape ye best Wild Sort I have Eatten, they Grow on ye Gravelly Sand & Stones where ye River overflows, ye Vines Spreding about.

22^{d}.—George Croghan has sent up lately a Quantity of Liquors, & its said, none is to have liberty to bring any Liquor to this place but him; its taken into ye King's Stores as it comes & a Serjent has ye care of it to Sell it out. Many of ye Sutling Inhabitants here have got kegs of it & Drunkeness makes it's appearance again.

24th.—Letters come here say, that Young Clappam was Tomhocked by his Indian Captive, who with his Squaw made off amongst ye Chipawas; they confess'd to them what they had done; the Chipawas commend'd them, but enticed them to Detroit where they deliver'd them to Capt Camble, where they Lie in Irons.

25th.—It's said there are 20 New Battoes to be Built here Sufficient to Carry 32 Barrels of Beef Each.

26th.—One of ye Old Traders says, that he hear'd ye Head Man of the Shawanas say, that they want'd ye English to Build a Fort at some convenient place near ye Mouth of Sciota River, to protect their Wives & children while they were at War & Hunting from ye Cherokees.

27th.—Capt Basset was hear'd to say amongst ye Brick Makers, that they would see men Enough here next Summer.

28th.—Some aledges there may be an Expedition Next Sumr down ye Ohio to Missippie.

30th.—The Common Prayer is Read now every first Day & ye Coll^l is pleas'd to see many of ye Inhabitants go to hear it.

9mo 4th.—I was told by a Mingo Man, that there had been a French officer & three Shawana Indians & one Missippi Indn Reconitering ye Fort & taking a Plan of it & that ye Shawanas told him that ye French would soon come up ye River in Battoes to this place, of which I acquaint'd Coll^l Bouquet, he not doubting their reconitering he being jealous of thire own Safty, but thinks they could not attempt an Attack here this Sumr.

5th.—Some Indians come before ye rest from ye Treaty & its report'd by Charles Brookins here, that ye Indians have made demands at ye Treaty that cannot be comply'd with; also that Friends held a private Council with ye Indians, not admitting any others into it, & that Friends are much blamed for it, as if they had occasioned ye Indians to make such demands.

6th.—Its also said, that ye Indians will not permit Frederick Post to Live amongst them.

7th.—I could forsee before ye Indians went from this place to ye Treaty, that ye Leading Men in Indian affairs, here away, took Umbrage at their going to hold treaties with our Governmt & lead by Frederick Post to Lancaster. I thought ye Indians might be excited to make that Treaty Burdensome to ye Province.

8th.—The Indians finding that ye White People are very anctious to have ye Prisoners, will according to their common dispositions, set more Price on them in thire minds, expecting that they will squeese out ye full Price of them, as if Sold, which I imagine is ye reason of their mentioning such things as to destroy Fort Augusta, & ye high demands they made at ye Treaty, alledging as much reason for it as for them to deliver up ye Prisoners, for nothing.

9th.—Bussiness seems but Dull at this place this summer, & many people has left it; if it comes right settled times & but a small Garrison kept here, I think it will not incourage many to Settle a Town here.

10th.—I think Geo: Croghan is return'd from ye Treaty & a Man who came in his Company from Bedford says, that he is so sick that he can't live long.

11th.—The man that came up with G. Croghan also says, that he hear'd him and ye rest of his Company Vaunt, how that ye Quakers was flung at ye Treaty—this makes for my observation of ye 7th Instant denoating plainly that there was some party that strove against ye Quakers if not against ye whole Intention of that Treaty, & its report'd for truth here, that ye Beaver King has sent Governor Hamilton word that he may keep ye Goods (which was sent as far as Loudon by Waggons for ye Indians) & they would serve him for another Treaty. This looks like more of ye Good Inspiration ye Indians has receiv'd & not against ye Quakers only, but ye Government.

12th.—The Beaver is return'd & seems unwell & not so Cheerful as befor they went down, they seem half Snow'd with Rum.

13th.—All ye Indians I have Spoke with, thats been at ye Treaty, seems well satisfied; ye Beaver's Oldest Brother John, says he never seen kinder people.

14th.—I never understood that ye Six Nations was Invited to this Treaty & I hear there were some

Hundreds of them there. If not Invit'd its been ye Pollicy of some hereaway to make it ye more Burdensom.

17th.—Y^e^ Delawars are mightly pleas'd that I have preferr'd thier Tongue in learning most of it so that I can converse a little with them; one of them told me in Weighing his Skins, that I must not Chate or it would offend ye Good Spirit above; I told him I would not & that he should mind ye Same Rule.

18th.—The Indians say, that ye General report amongst thier people is, that Friends are kinder & better humour'd than any others.

19th.—The news of taking ye Havanna fills ye people here with Transports of Joy.

21st.—The Mingoes rais'd Reports of Seeing Cherokees not fare off, but it's not believ'd.

25th.—Thomas Hutchins has return'd from his long journey amongst ye Indians, brings no news, ye Indians used him very Civily.

27th.—The people in General very Healthy here.

28th.—Its Said many of the Shawanas at ye Lower Towns has Died of ye Ague, some say above 100, when Thos Hutchins was there lately; they had many Hands at work he says to catch ye Devil it seems they want to kill or confine him.

10mo *4*^th^.—Geo. Croghan & ye Col^l^ has apply'd to us, for a quantity of Goods to be given in pressents to ye Indians against they bring ye remain^dr^ of ye Prisoners here which we have been assorting out of ye Store.

5th.—One Jno Gray, an Old Trader, came up from ye lower Shawana Town & says that ye Shawanas were got so Cross, that he was affraid to stay there, that ye Mingoes had sent a Belt amongst them advising them to mischeif against ye English & had told them many lies.

6th.—Many of ye Old Traders say they are of opinnion, that the Indians will Breake out again to war.

7th.—I understand that Robinson ye Smith, who came up here, had Authority from Judge Allen which Col Bouquet was to Execute, in sending One of our Old Traders Down to Answer his Creditor for a quantity of Goods he had last year & had made no return, ye Trader is M— & Capt Trent answer'd ye Debt.

8th.—Col Burd came here having a Commission for him & Josiah Davenport to receive ye Prisoners & make some presents to ye Indians.

9th.—Frederick Post came here by whom we were Inform'd much of ye state of ye Treaty.

10th.—It's been reported here to Col Bouqt, that ye Indians were much dissatisfied with ye Treaty at Lancaster, which I must needs think is ye Information of such that would have it so, for all that we enquired of abot that Treaty they like thier usage very well.

11th.—This Evening Frederick Post set off to Tuscorawas to see how his Lad does that is Sick with ye Ague & to see what receptions he will have amongst ye Indians, being resovled if these Indians do not accept of his Service, he will Travel to ye West as far as ye English Garisons reach.

12th.—Post Asked my Advice in such a Case as he thought it his duty being Moved by ye Divine Spirit to settle amongst these Indians & so many Enemies Raised amongst them to his Service in ye Gosple, having destroyed his Garden & small hope of being Alowed to Plant anything next Spring, having no help from ye Publick nor from his Brethren could not see how he could subsist. I told him that if ye work was of ye Lord & he intend'd to help ye Indians by his endeavours at this time, that these difficulties would be removed, & yet to try & wait to see the result. I think his residing amongst ye Indians might be of Great Service to ye English Intrest by removing their jealousies, which they are often subject to from Lies raised by ye Mingoes

& others to set them against us, such being now busy amongst ye Shawanas.

*13*th.—Receiv'd abo^t^ 70 fine Deer Skins to Day. A Prisoner called Frederick Ire, who was a bitter Enemy against ye White people & threatened to kill Several of them, has been by ye Indians (at Mohickan John's) this Summer killed, at ye request of some of ye white people as it is said.

*14*th.—A Lad that was sent to Venango by some of ye Traders is return'd & says that he was Robed & Strip'd of his Cloths, by Indians that Talked Delaware. One of them returned him his Shirt but I think he lost ye Road.

*15*th.—I have I think made mention before of ye Imposter which is raised amongst ye Delawares, in order to shew them ye right way to Heaven. This plan is Portrayed on a Dress'd Leather Skin & some on paper, fixes ye Earth at ye Bottom & heaven at ye top, having a straight Line from One to ye Other, by which their forefathers use'd to assend to Hapiness. Abo^t^ ye middle is like a Long Square cuting thire way to Hapiness, at right Angles, & stoping them representing ye White people, ye outside is a Long Squair like black Stroke Circomscribing ye Whole within it, & joyning on ye left Hand Issuing from ye White peoples place is cut many Strokes parralel to thire Squair or Situation, all these Strokes represents all ye Sins & Vices which ye Indians have learned from ye White people, through which now they must go, ye Good Road being Stopt. Hell being fixed not far off, there they are Led irrevocibly.—Y^e^ Doctrine Issued on this & ye way to help it, is said to be, to learn to live without any Trade or Connections with ye White people, Clothing & Supporting themselves as their forefathers did; its also s^d^ that ye Imposter Prognosticates that there will be Two or Three Good Talks & then War; this Gains amongst them so much, that mostly

they have quit Hunting any more then for to suply Nature in that way.

16th.—Having some discourse with Major Smallman (G. Croghans Cossen) about the Province Store, I mentioned perhaps ye Governmt might renew ye Law for continuing ye Store at Shamokin, if not for this, at Pittsburgh, he answer'd he thought not, as there was several Complaints against it, or ye conducting of it. I am doubtful ye Indians have been set on, to make complaints against that Store and ye Conductor of it.

17th.—Col[l] Burd Lodges at our House & seems Very Sociable; Allexr McKee is gone several Days agoe toward ye Lower Shawana Town with a Message from Croghan in regard to bringing in the Prisoners, as we are told.

18th.—The Indians at their Towns make feasts its said now every Day & perform their new devotions by Dancing, Singing & sometimes all Kneeling & praying (its said) to a little God who carries ye petitions & presents them to ye Great Being, which is too High & mighty to be Spoke to by them; this little God lives in some place near them.

19th.—The 10th Instnt Allexr McKee went with a Message from Croghan to ye lower Shawana Town abot bringing ye Prissoners in.

20th.—Charles Steward return'd from ye Shawana Town, being after his Daughter a Prisoner there, but Could not Get her, he says there has Died of them lately 180 Shawanas being taken & Dies in two Days after.

22d.—Frederick Post's Lad that came here, Informs us that Shingass was very cross to him & almost starves ye White Children he has Prisoners.

23d.—We had a Letter from Post & he says that ye Indians receiv'd him with much seeming kindness.

24th.—Colol Burd got me to Copy ye Commission & Instructions given him & Josiah by ye Governor, where

ye Governor requests of 'em to endeavour to find out ye Polleticks that may be amongst ye Indians.

27th.—Samuel Lightfoot Esqr, of Chester County, has been here abo^t a Week, past, came from ye Warm Spring in Virginia.

30th.—Jacob Stroud's Waggons came & brought us sundry Goods, we Loaded them of with 31 Hundred Weight Skins.

11mo 1st.—Many Horses are said to be Stolen lately, ye Mingoes are chiefly accused with it.

4th.—Indian Simon came here with his Son from Cuscuskies, lodged in our House, he shewed me his Book containing their new Religion, being a faviour, I think that no White man has received here beside me; he told me he was become a Minister now to ye Indians at Cuscuskies, he also said his Prayers by his book, which I look upon as Great Idolatry as he seemed to Adore ye Image of ye Son or Little God at ye top of it, it shewes no Image of ye Great being, but he says he is higher. I told him it offended ye Good Spirit to make any Likeness of him, & that man could not see him, but Good Men, that was known by him, always Loved all Men & would not be Wroth or angry with any. I doubt there is no good at ye Bottom of their Religion.

8th.—Wolf Keekyusions Son is put in ye Guard House for Stealing Horses.

10th.—Col^l Burd's out of Patience almost waiting & no acco^t from ye Governor nor ye Indians.

14th.—Capt Callend^r came from Detroit, & says that ye 19 Day of last month it was so dark there all Day that they Burned Candles all Day, & that some dust fell on ye Linnin & Stain'd it.

16th.—Colonel Bouquet was pleas'd to give Samuel Lightfoot a Conveyance of a Lot of Ground on ye Bank of ye Monongahela, so as to take in his sons Grave who dyed here.

17th.—Co^{l} Bouquet has agreed to let Co^{l} Burd & Davenport act as direct'd by ye Governor.

18th.—Samuel Lightfoot set off home with Paul Pierce. I sent by him a Map of this place & ye forks of ye Rivers here to Israel Pemberton, also a Letter to my Broth^{r} & one wth some seeds to Humphrey Marshall.

19th.—By some peoples talke here, they think ye Land on this side ye Alegheny Mountain will be made a King's Governm^{t} & that in 2 years or less time, there will be encouragement from ye King to Settle these Lands to this place, Viz Pittsburgh.

20th.—Col^{l} Bouquet & Col^{l} Burd set off from here to go down to Philad^{a} &c.

21st.—Allex^{r} Mullen bro^{t} me a Bottle of Oyle from ye Oyl Spring at Mooskingum. Wolf ye Indian, made his Escape last night from ye little House where he went with 2 Men to Guard him, out of ye Guard House.

23rd.—A letter arived from Allex^{r} McKee, at ye Shawan Town, signifying that some ye Indians were to come & bring in some Prisoners.

McKee also Gave Acco^{t} that ye Mingoes has a War Belt & Bloody Tomhock now offering to ye Shawanas, requesting thier help as they are Going to Strike ye English & drive them off their Lands as they say.

25th.—I am Doubtfull ye Mingoes will not rest untill they breed Mischeif again; ye Picks had bro^{t} ye belt to the Shawana;—Very like a Second time to stop ye Prisoners.

27th.—Silver Heels has been here Some Days with a Party of Mohacks, Going as Spyes or to War, they say against ye Spaniards, toward ye Missipi or Augustine; he has a Pass from Co^{l} Johnson; he is s^{d} to be one of the Senica Nation, but much attached to ye English, & has been with them at ye Taking of Martinico, (they say).

29th.—Silver Heels & Company Gone down ye River in 2 Canoes.

30th.—Geo. Croghan is come up from Bedford & Francis Innise & John Martin, on Speaking to him about their Children y^t^ are Prisoners w^t^ ye Indians, he told them (as they say) that ye Prisoners will never be Got from them unless he Gets them, & s^d^ likewise, that ye Province had done so much hurt to ye Publick Interest, by their late Treaty held at Lancaster that it could not be repair'd under Great Cost to ye Crown (in divideing ye presents uneaqual).

12mo 1st.—Yesterday returned Allex^r^ McKee from amongst ye Shawanes & Says, they used him Civily,—there is abo^t^ 10 of them coming up & a few Prisoners.

8th.—A Company of Mingo Hunters came in, Saluted ye Fort & was answered by three Cannon Shot. They have had provissions & 20^lb^ Powd^r^ & 40|^b^ Lead & 20^lb^ Tobacco & 2 doz knives given them, they may well bestow ye Giver Some Land.

9th.—Its tooke som Notice of that Geo. Croghan has not Invited the Chief Man of ye Delaware Nation, i. e. Netotwhelmy nor made him any presents hardly at all.

10th.—The s^d^ Head Man & ye Half King Custologa not being invited to ye Last Treaty, in a proper Manner, as they Govern ye Greatest part of ye Nation, & ye chief invitations being mention'd to ye Beaver, now its s^d^ they will not agree to his engagements with ye Governor, & ye Money Given him he has not hardly divided with any of them, So they are much dissatisfied.

12th.—Rec'd a Letter from Frederick Post giving me his opinion of ye Imposters new Religion raised amongst ye Indians, which he says ye Imposter tells them he had a Vission of Heaven where there was no White people but all Indians, & wants a total Seperation from us, & for that purpose advisses ye Indians to Impose upon ye Traders.

14th.—Keecaise set off up ye Monongahela to Hunt & trap after dealing abo^t^ 20 Pounds worth Skins with us.

17th.—Major Smallman & Allexr McKee set off down ye River with Goods toward ye lower Shawana Town; Smallman as a Trader & McKee as Croghan's deputy to wait ye coming of ye Prissoners in Spring.

18th.—Ye Garison here now keeps some Cannon Loaded & ye Train Men mounts Guard keeping a Match lighted day & night, as if they were apprehensive of an attack.

19th.—Old E. McCollon came here, Son of Chirk-og-a-nickan to whome it is sd ye Properitor made a Deed of Newlin Township (that is now) on Brandywine, Chester County; he set off last spring from his House at Mosekingum, being going to see ye Governor to have a reward for sd Land & was taken Sick which has detained him.

20th.—I dreamed ye 14th Inst at night that a Mingo Young Man told me ye Mingoes Go to War with ye English next Summer.

21st.—Old McCollon says that John Langdale (when here) Encouraged him much to go down to be pd for his Lands.

22d.—Old Indian entertained at our House & recovers his Strength well, tells me he never was to see ye French but once while they lived here & then he did not half like them.

23rd.—As Dreams often come from ye Idies or thoughts that are prevalent in ye mind, I shall take notice here of a Dream the above Old Indian informs me he dreamed several years ago & informed me of it without our having any discourse about dreams. Says that in his dream he was conveyed as it seemed, in ye Air to a Spacious Building, which seemed to be upheld there without any foundation or Stay to hang by & a door opened where he went in, being conveyed into an inner apartment he seen ye Great Creator of all things, sitting an a Glorious Seat & appeared like a Man (as he Immagined like ye King of the White People); he

discoursed with him & told him ye Indians did not do right in giving such particular Names to Creatures as they had done, & told him that he had Created all things & that he had given Names to all Species which was enough & took him where another Door Opened, & ye Almighty being Called all Species of Creatures One after another with a mighty Sound, & each kind of Creatures appeared & took notice of their name when called, so after shewing him this said, ye General Name was Enough for Each Species; so conveyed ye Ind^{n} to ye inner Door as he was going away took leave & awaked. The Indians gives themselves ye Names of many Beasts & Wild Creatures, Vermin, fish & fowls of ye Air, which may be Abomination.

24th.—There is a Company of Shawanas come here, but I hear of no Prisoners coming. I am Informed by E. McCollen that there is a deal of some kind of Ore amongst Rocks & Hills (by a Path) at ye Crossing of a Run, ye Path that leads from ye Ind^{n} Town on Loyalhanning Creek, where now Stands Leigonier F^{t} to an Ind^{n} Town on ye other Branch North Eastward, both being Branches of Kiskeminitus, call'd by ye Indians the Conomugh Creek; some of ye Ore he bro^{t} to a Smith that lived at Loyalha^{y} who run it into a Bar & told him it was good Steel, but that he shou^{d} not tell any ye White people of it, Else it would soon breed War.

25th.—The above Ind^{n} Informs me that abo^{t} half ye Shawana Nation went away over ye Missipi (when they retired back down this river) & that now some of them is gone from ye Lower Towns to bring back the other part of that Nation from a Great Distance & they Expect them all Back next Sum^{r}. Likewise he says, that there is a Nation of Ind^{ns} Settled over ye Missipi below ye Mouth of Ohio, & a great distance back, who talks ye Delaware Tongue, he being informed by Indians y^{t} were amongst 'em, also that about Six Years ago in ye Summer, there fell a Shower of Hailstones at

ye Lower Shawana Town as big as Walnuts, that broke through ye Roofs of some Cabins, beat down some men & killed one person. Now this fall there died 150 men besids Women, with an Epidemical disorder at ye lower Shawana towns, which ye Old Man is of Oppinion he s^d its Sent from God upon them for they are very Proud.

*26th*.—The Shawana Man (call'd Wide Mouth) one of which went to ye Treaty at Lancaster, & his famley abo^t 9 in num^r bro^t in here two Young Women called Susey Voss & ——, taken from ye Back parts Virginia, & two boys tho^t to be taken from some parts Pennsylv^a^, ye boyes can Only talk Shawana & when ask'd their former Names, one said his Name was Jacob Adam, & ye other said his Name was Nelins Stan, that by this they seem to be of Dutch Extraction, being deliver'd to ye Agent they remain at our House having a private Room to Sleep in & locked up every Night.

*27th*.—White Eyes come from Hunting low down this River, & One Benj^m^ Sutten, a White Man, being formerly amongst ye Traders. Sutten Relates that White Eyes whilst out a Hunting together & when at Home at his House, causes him to Read his Bible frequently & what part he don't understand he asks Sutten ye meaning of it, will not allow his Children to make any Noise to interrupt, or allow ye other Indians to laugh or dispise it, he would rather then 50 Pounds he could Read he says, & intends to send his son to Philad^a^ to be taught;—allows it was God's people Made ye Scripture.

*28th*.—There came a Canoe Load of Indians & Peltry from White Eyes last night, who all delt them, at our House; ye House being thong'd before with Indian Customers, & ye Prisoners, So that we have ye whole Trade almost that comes to ye Place notwithstanding Croghan sits at ye Ind^n^ Helm & lives close to his Cossen Smallman's Store, of which he has ye Over-

sight now I supose. Y^{e} Alegheny drives wth much Ice & ye Monongahela is clear.

29th.—Had another Canoe wth Skins to Day from Canostoga Will, i. e. Billey Sam & Compy; been very busey all Day. White Eyes & I had several disputes, he has been affronted at ye Soldiers for not leting him in ye fort, it being against orders. I told him that themselves i. e. ye Ind^{ns} were ye Cause of it, as ye Mingoes had their Messengers abroad urging for War again, throwing reflexions at ye White people, but I pin'd him so tight that he had nothing to say but Enough & acknowledged it was true.

30th.—Finished dealing with our Guests & most all of them are gone; the weather got very warm again, & ye Snow is much gone. An Indian having 13 Beaver Skins, told me he wanted wampum for them & that he was offered it 10/ Cheaper per 1000 then we asked. I told him I would Weigh his Beaver & tell how much we wou'd give, then take them to ye Other, & see if he gave more, so he Brought 'em back again to us.

31st.—Another Canoe wth Peltry come to Day to us down the Loyalhannine & Keecaise from Redstone. There are many Invitations from some of our Towns people, to these prisoners to go to their Houses but not allow^{d} of as their practices is not Commendable.

1763. 1mo 2^{d}.—E. McCollen Says One of his Sons is Indebtd to Levy & Co. & Jno Ormsby ye Sum of 400 Pounds. Having Much Peltry Gathered last Year to Pay them with, Some Mingo Wariors Going down ye River told them that ye English & Indians Were at War here & at Venango, so he put his peltry into an Empty House & set it on fire; ye Old Man says he must pay ye Debt for him if he Gets Pay for his Land.

3rd.—Cloudy this Day. Keecaise set off for Redstone & took Letter's to ye Comm^{r} there to be forward'd to Paterson's Creek, concerning these Prisoners to thier Relations there.

7th.—I am informed by Benjamin Sutton, a Hunter & Traper & resides chiefly amongst ye Indians, being many years wth ye Chickishaws & had gone with them to War some Hundred Miles over ye Missipi, against a Nation that lives in Clear Savannas in a Level Contry, who uses dried Buffelo Dung & Grass for fuel, having no Commerce with any White people, Uses Bows & Arrows pointed with Buck's Horn, with a large Target on ye left arm made of ye Skins of 2 Buffeloe Necks, wth Sand betwixt to fend off; no Woods, so Scarce of Water, that ye Chickshaws caries long Sharp Sticks to Work holes down in Chance places where they reach water, & after Settleing they Suck out wth hollow reeds. Some Distance from this lies other Nations in Whoes land are the Rhinosses or Elephant Master, being a very large Creature of a Dark Colour having a long Strong horn growing upon his Nose (wth which he kills Elephants) a Short tail like an Elk; two of sd Horns he seen fixd over a Gate at St Augustine, & that its ye Bones of Some of these lies downn in Buffelo lick by ye Ohio, wher ye Great teeth Comes from, the Sholder Blades in sd lick he seen Nine in numr, ye largest abot a Yard Wide at ye Top, some teeth weighing above Seven Pounds (I seen One brot here & part of a Horn ye tooth weigh'd above five Pounds)—that ye Spaniards is limmited by a River some distance South from ye Mouth of ye Missipi being the boundaries between them & ye French over ye Missipi & not far from ye sd Boundary ye Spaniards have a mine where many Men in Constant at Work, thot to be Gold, that ye Mouth of ye River Missipi Contains two Sandy flat Islands from which runs up Steam long Sand Sholes, Making three Mouths or passages into ye Bay, ye Westermost next ye Spanish Main, being always used & ye Shiping inward bound Sailes up beyound ye two Islands, keeping ye far Side a Considerable Distance up ye River, then if bound to St Augustine Crosses above

ye Sands & turns down Stream to ye Harbour. That ye Tide comes abo^t 400 Miles up ye Missipi, & that large Sloops comes up to New Orleans it being but abo^t 400 or 500 Miles down from ye Mouth of ye Ohio ye Banks having much Scum like Iron rust & in places Verdigreese, that in passing up & down they never drink ye Missipi water it being of a Dark purple Colour & very Phisickal; y^t above ye Mouth of Ohio its no more Called Missipi but Wabash being abo^t 1½ Miles Wide & ye Ohio at ye Mouth abo^t 1 Mile Wide with no falls to Interrupt only ye Side a little abo^t New Orleans ye River abo^t 3 Miles Wide.—He being Offten up & down ye Missipi Says also, he is informed by his acquaintance Saml Peckwood, who was taken Prisoner out of Virginia & lived 2 years amongst ye Tawas up near Detroit or further, that there is a Great Lake they always Cross Going from Lake Mitchigan or Mitchelemackenack to Mount Real which I judge to be Lake Huron, in which is two Islands, one of which (in ye Sum^r is defended so by Snakes that they swim to Meat a Canoe when Coming near Shore & oblidged to beat them off with ye Paddles seeing many on ye Shore.—Y^e Other Island Still worse, in which many of ye s^d Indians & French have landed & all that ever went in it never returned; when some small Distance in ye Woods was hear'd by them that lay off in Canoes to cry & screem; at one time 14 Men Going in it never one return'd, ye other Company waiting two Days & two Nights off some distance but could never hear more, of them; ye Indians call it ye Devil's Island, they seen Paths much trod & like a large Man's or Bear's track in ye Sand by ye Shore, ye French imagins it to be a Dragon that destroys them. Y^e Island is s^d to be abo^t 3 Miles long. I know not how much Credit to give this Story, it may be so, but very Strange if true. The Indians also Inform'd me that North of ye Lakes in a Cold Contry there lives a Nation of very Lusty Indians, who are Man Eaters & Eat all

flesh Raw; after Eating to Satisfaction can fast Ten Days; that they have Sheep in that place & Rhinosses of a smaller kind then they to ye Southward.

I think its in ye English Nations Power to be of much more Service to ye Indians then they are, by Endeavouring to civilize them & by taking proper Methods for that purpose instead of which, those that are most conversant amongst them, are mostly Men of Base principles, rather joyning with ye Indian customs & abominations, or shewing 'em worse Examples than they Naturaly are prone too, & its in Vain to pretend to Endeavour to turn them to the English Customs, Religions or Manners, Whilst they see frequently better & honester Men amongst themselves then Most English People going by that Name amongst them, to lay a foundation for reforming them; it must be, by such authority as to withdraw all such people from amongst them & none permited to trade amongst 'em, but Men of Sound Principles & Strict Morals that by their Life & behaviour the Indians might See something beautiful in Real Christians,—but this is not ye Case they are more Excited to abhore ye Name of a Christian by ye Vile Pretenders to that name resorting w^t^ them & at this place which is Called an English Town and perhaps One half ye money spent to carry on ye Last War w^t^ them had it been in time laid out in some good Meathods as above might not Only Attatched them to ye English but have drawn them from Our Enemies who takes more pains to Ingraft bad principles amongst them then the English do Good ones.

*12th*.—Cold Cloudy Weather but not much Snow; y^t^ River almost Shut in some places. I think ye Command^r^ Capt Acquay Seems doubtful of G.... C.... drawing so much Provision & Goods for Indians when we See None here that wants Either but what they buy. Twelve Hundred of Flour Every Week & Meat in proportion is ye common Run; he wanted to draw double

ye quantity that he Gave ye Mingoe Hunters abo^t^ a month ago, but ye Comm^r^ would not Sign ye order.

13th.—Rain last Night, Keecaise was telling his Cossen Nee McCollen, that at Braddock's Defeat there was not One of ye Delawares & only four Mingoes & three Shawanas, all ye Rest Northr^n^ Indians.—Nor at Grant's Defeat No Delawars but at ye attacks upon Leigonier ye two last there were many Delewars.

14th.—Nee McCollon informs me that up Loyalhaning Creek from ye Fort, ye Indians used to have a Path, which joyned another Leading from Yonghagheny, & Crossed ye Laurel Hill abo^t^ Ten Miles from Legonier, South of ye King's Road, by that Path on ye Top of ye Laurel Hill there is Copper Ore which produces Verdigress to be seen; also that he used to take Skins in a Cannoe up Kiskimmuts & Carry them on their Backs in a Day Cross to ye West Branch Susquehana, being abo^t^ 16 Miles distance & fine Level Land, from thence had a Good passage down that Branch, being Two or three Days journey to where it went through ye Alegheny Mountain,—but Good passage through.

15th.—I think we are now too Many for Jno Hart tho he is an Old Trader & seems to have as great influence in drawing ye Ind^n^s as any of them, having bro^t^ Keecais's Son called ye Gentleman Over ye River & lodged at his house bro^t^ his Skins over yet ye Gentleman sent for me when come ashore & ask'd if we would buy them all, which I told him Yes, so we had 110 Skins ye Whole he had.

16th.—Snow'd all Day & is Winter like. Thos Hutchins relates that the Indians up above Lake Huron says One Winter Many Hundr^ds^ of them went & lived in Huts made of Rushes, which they Carried a Great Way on ye Ice & fished there cuting holes through ye Ice, but a Sudden Thaw came with much Wind & Rain, so that all of them were Drownd'd before they Could reach ye Land—so they call it Devils Lake.

18th.—Nee McCollen Informs me, that at ye time Fredrick Post came out first with a message from ye Governmt inviting ye Indians to Peace, it was reported at Mooskingum & all ye Towns, that a Quaker was come to speak with them & Invite them to Desist, upon which they were Glad & agreed to quit Imediately, p haps had they not harboured that Oppinion it might gone worse wth Post. This Day we Measured ye Weadth of ye Monogehela on ye Ice & made it 410 Yards Wide.

20th.—Clear'd up but very Cold ye Monongahela Measured opposite ye Fort is 430 yds over & opposite Grant's Hill I think it will be 500 yds. We hear that Bill Hickman a Delaware Indn has Informed Paterson & ye Inhabitants about Juniata that ye Indians intends to break out in a War against us Next Spring; but as we know him to be a Roague & Horse thief, we judge his report to be more for Self Ends than Truth or Good Will to us, not but wt ye Mingoes I believe would set on ye Western Nations to Strike us if they Could in order to Get them undr their Yoke again but I think they cannot Effect it, & they themselves will hardly begin.

21st.—I Dreamed abot 2 Nights ago that I see ye Devil looking into our House, only his head put round to peep in, but on seeing me, he withdrew; so I think if ye Agent does his part I will do mine & we shall be Enabled to keep him Out.

22d.—I am told ye Wayendots went to War last fall against the Cherokees & carried off two Women Captives; a Party of the latter persued & tracked ye Weyondots into One of ye Shawana towns, where they Lay hid in ye Daytime, & at Night looked all about ye Houses, to know whether ye Shawanas had ye Captives, at last discover'd themselves to a Shawana Man & Enquired after ye Women they had lost; being inform'd ye Wayendots took them that way they sent ye Shawana man to Inform that they wanted to pass to War against ye Wayondots & Mingoes but would not Molest ye

Shawanas or Delawars so they follow'd & I hear has taken 5 or 6 Scalps & prisoners of ye Wayondots, & are at peace wth the Shawanas & Delawars.

23rd.—I find that ye Indian Kings or head men has no arbitary Authority, but that all publick affairs are acted Volentary, Even in Going to War they will hardly persuade any but all goes Volentary, so that notwithstanding w^t ye head men may promise in regard to bringing in ye Prisoners its not in their power nor practice to force any thing from ye rest that they look upon as their property, without their Consents. I understand that some head men of ye Shawanas has Pleaded Exceedingly in Councils for Delivering up ye Prisoners, telling the Indians they were Blind & Stupified & new nothing hardly. This report is Contradicted by some Delawars & says they are going to War against ye Cherokees, & has been geting a War Billet made here.

24th.—Rain all Day. The Prisoners tells me that ye Shawanas always when they Swim Over this Ohio river low down, that they are in danger of some Monsterous Creatures pulling them under Water & devouring them, to remedy which they Carry a root with them which they either Chew or infuse & rub on thier Skin, ye Smell of which is So offensive to ye Creatures they will not tutch them, they Say those Creatures (which I take to be Alegaters) will pull a Buffalo Bull under Water & Destroy him. The Root used is s^d to be Black Angilico, ye smooke it also.

26th.—About 5 o'Clock this Morning ye Ice in ye Monongehela broke loose, drove so that it Stop'd ye passage about Shirtees Island & ye Ice penn'd up to ye Point here, driving up ye Allegheny, broke some Canoes loose some Stuck in ye Ice & some drove up ye Allegheny. Abo^t 7 o'Clock ye Water riseing made a passage below, so it drove away.

27th.—Last Night much Ice drove down ye Alegheny

but it dont rise much this Morning, it seems Clear of ice only along Shore.

28th.—Came ye Rid Hak, & Wide Mouth's Brother & Teachenosens Head Men of ye Shawanas & 8 or nine more; brot Two Women & a Child, deliver'd them, being their one property & signifies ye rest will come in ye Spring; also a boy deliver'd up brot from ye Picks, Called Jacob Thomas, his Parents are sd to be in Virginia, his Father Call'd William Thomas.

29th.—Nee McCollon & John Hickman being in our House, was discoursing of Tediuscong & all ye Remaindr of ye Delawares on Susquahanna coming this next Spring & Settleing on Beaver Creek abot the Cuscuskeys where they talked of having a Great Town.

30th.—We propos'd to Send these prisoners away to Cumberland but ye Commandr Capt Aqnor thinks it is too hard for 'em to walk & lye in ye Woods, as ye Snows lyes on ye Ground tho these that come last lay so coming & they say could not have a Skin to ly on.

2mo 5th.—An Express came here with ye News of a Peace wt ye French & Spaniards, that ye English is to hold North America to ye Missippi at which ye Soldiers Rejoyce but not ye Officers. I am very Glad of it & hopes ye Indians may Repent of thier folly.

6th.—Had Some Letters Ordering us to take a New Inventory of all ye Store Goods, & this I am busy about.

10th.—The Allegheny is broke up 2 days ago & a flood in both Rivers, ye Allegheny runs thick with Ice.

14th.—These Shawanas seems very conceited, which brot in the Prisoners, & one of their Youngsters told ye Prisoners in our House, that Geo. Croghan was ye Only Man amongst us they regard'd & only for him it might be War again, & that none of us knew how to please Indians but him.

16th.—We are of Oppinnion now that there's no occasion of humoring the Indians so much, & Waiting on,

& making such presents as is frequently Made or pretend'd in ye Kings name or nobodys unless ye Givers.

17th.—Its my oppinion that if ye Indians are Spoke to, address'd, or dealt with, in any kind of Transactions, timmorously, as if afraid of them, it makes them ye Bolder, & more insulting or imposing, but when Circumstances will allow it, to Spake Truly, Boldly & Honestly, leting them know their place, their Errors & their duty, & useing them well with all it would cast a Damp upon them that would make them have an Awfull regard for us whereas now they under Vallue us & dispise us,—for they are soon danted when dealt boldly with, being full of Pride & ambition, but Strangers to humility, but as dogs learns it.

19th.—This Day Sent off ye Prisoners, only Jacob Thomas who chus'd to Stay untill he heard from his parents. Sent Saml Shittle our hired man a Horse & provissions, along with them as far as Bedford.

21st.—Frederick Post came here last Night from Cyahaga & informs that ye Delawars had Except'd ye War Belt & Tomhock, which came from ye Six Nations last Summer, that they held War dances & Sung of bringing in more White Prisoners, & of hearing of ye Peace being made & ye French to quit this side ye Missisipi. Their head King Neetotwhelemy, i—e Newcomer was Struck dumb for a considerable time & at last s^d^ he did not know whether ye News was true but if they could hear it from their fathers i. e. ye French he would believe it, s^d^ after that he was affraid, on which Post told him that shew'd he did not love ye English otherwise he would be Glad; he s^d^ ye English was grown too powerfull & seem^d^ as if they would be too Strong for God himself.

24th.—Frederick Post having Accompanied Josiah Davenport to Buyerlies, he is return'd it been Snowy Weather.

26th.—There has Some Pack Horses come & I sent off Six Load of Skins, got 29 Load remaining.

27th.—Some Packhorses come wth Flour as far as Tortle Creek where they had Six Horses Stolen, by ye Indians whom they follow'd & came up with them, but being too Numerous they could not get ye Horses again; the White Men has complain'd to ye Commandr here & he order'd Croghan to send after them, its said he has sent an Indian about it, but we think that these men who receive Tracks of Land & presents of ye Indians thier Mouths is thereby Stop'd; that they cannot Spake Right or Boldly telling them ye Consequence of their Thieveing so that its all Smoothed & ye Indians are not let into ye knowledge how much its resented & may be of dangerous consequence to ye Publick Peace.

28th.—The Mingoes has a Hunting Cabbin about 15 Miles up ye Allegheny; having Stole 6 or 7 Horses in ye fall, some White Men went from here a few days ago & Stole ye sd Horses back to this place while ye Mingoes were here Dealing their Peltry & its tht its ye same that Stole ye Six now from Tortle Creek.

3mo 1st.—James Mokesin a Delewar Man Informs me that its agree'd to by their Whole Nation, to follow thire new Plan of Religion, & all their Boys are to be Train'd to ye use of the Bow & Arrow for Seven Years Then to Live intirely on dry'd Meat & a Sort of Bitter Drink made of Roots & Plants & Water ye Women & Antient Men may Raise & Eat Corn at ye Expiration of ye Seven Years, to quit all Commerce with ye White People & Clothe themselves with Skins, he also sd that none of the other Nations have fell into ye Scheme, only ye Delawars, & that if any ye others was to drink their Bitter Water they would die,—this is sd to be Physick to purge out all that they got of ye White peoples ways & Nature.

2nd.—The Prisoners brot here by ye Shawanas Inform'd us, that one Day in our house One of thier head

Men call'd ye Corn Cob said, that ye English had no right to live here, & that they should leave it & must do it.

3rd.—Some Artificiers come to build Battoes, its s^d^ to go down this River to Build a fort opposite to New Orlains, which they say, lies on ye west side ye Missisippi.

4th.—A fine Day, some Wild Geese flying & ye Snow melts fast; ye Snow lyes abo^t^ One Yard Deep on ye Laurel hill & ye Great Mountain, by ye Agents Letters & ye Mans acco^t^ that went wth ye Prisoners.

7th.—Rain'd & thunder'd in ye Night & Rain'd all this Day mostly ye Rivers Rises fast & we have prepair'd for a nother Flood having Got our Goods put upstairs clear'd ye Cellar & ye lower Shelves in ye Store—

8th.—This Morning ye Water was rose equal to ye Banks in some places, nothwithstanding some people would not believe that it would overflow, but toward Noon it got in ye Street & they began to muster off, but ye dead Faith of Several promp'd 'em to delay carrying away their Goods untill ye Water was got so high that they had to break in ye Roofs or Gable Ends of ye Houses to get them away in Battoes. We kept House & fire untill Night, but had bespoke house room at Marcus Hulins, on ye Hill, if it appear'd dangerous to continue in our Own. I had asked ye Command^r^ Capt Aquaer, leave to goe into Col^l^ Burd's House on ye Hill, being Empty, he signifyed he would let me have it, but when I sent for ye Key he told ye Man he must reserve it for himself to fly too; we Concluded, some of us, to go to Hulins & ye others to stay in ye House upstairs while they could keep ye Cannoe in ye House, under ye Door Head, so Frederick Post Chused to stay and Saml Shittle I left with him, but their Escape they made in ye Night, Locking ye House fast & had difficulty getting through ye Ice.

9th.—The Rain & thaw continued untill this Day, but

slowly & ye River Rose by ye General Acco^t^ abo^t^ 18 inches higher then last year. We Came several times down in our Canoe & went round ye house, seeing no danger, ye Water fell so that in ye Evening we could get ye Cannoe run in under ye Door head so I wanted Post to stay on ye Hill & I & our hired Man would get in ye House, but he rather chus'd to come & Sleep up Stairs in our house, which they two did, ye Wind rose so high in ye night that they were affraid ye House would tumble down & Post had got an Ax ready to beat off the Shingles to get out on ye Roof in that case.

10th.—This Morning ye Water fell so that ye Ground was bare round our house, so we got a fire Made & Clear'd ye Mud off ye floors; ye Wind blew so high & not Cold, that I set ye Windows all open & got ye floors dry before Night; had put all ye Goods up stairs & so high on ye Shelves in ye Store, that we had none dammaged, only our Garden Posts & pailes were carried off.

11th.—To Day we Got ye ditch oppen'd to ye River & into ye Cellar to Carry off ye Water had two Men laiding ye Water & throwing into ye Race all the day, we have it almost empty; catched some young pearch in bailing out ye Water.

12th.—It frose smartly last Night, Anthony Tamson ye Tanner being coming up from ye Country having bo^t^ a Negro Girl & came to ye House on this side Tortle Creek, dined there but would not be persuaid'd to stay, ye Water of ye Creek had overflow'd ye Bottoms so that coming to a run that cross'd ye Road to ye Creek he was Drown'd there & ye Negro Girl could Stand where he was & tryed to help him out but beeing too heavy & she relates she left him holding by a tree & went back to ye house taking both their Horses back, informed ye People—this hapen'd ye 8th Ins^t^ ye same Day Shepherd who was ye head Carpenter here only Coming from his father-in-laws Viz Midcalfs about Nine Miles along y^e^

road from here, came off with some other Company to come here to his Wife he delay'd behind ye rest, & they came ye new road, he took ye Old One & came to where it takes close to ye Alegheny River in ye Bottom where he was found Dround'd.

13th.—I have had much discoarse wth F. Post & find him so bigotted that he censures All others, & shews little Charrity for any that differs from his Principles.

14th.—There are three Coffins washed bare, over on ye Island & painted its like some Indians that dyed there in ye War time.

15th.—Wrote to ye Commissioners, & ye Agent, Jno Armstrong, a Delaware Man, Informs me that Simon of Cuscuskey & 19 more ye Delawars are gone down ye River to War against the Cherokees, & that some of all ye Western Nations & two Hund^r^ Mingoes are going, but it proves false.

16th.—Sent my Letters off with Ensign Hutchins he going to Bedford on his way to Carolina.

20th.—Frederick Post has had a Meeting to Day with ye Millitary Men & ye Inhabitants, in ye foorenoon preach'd in English, ye afternoon in Dutch, but I went not to hear them; they had ye Musitioners playing Hymns & they were Drunk yesterday. I dreamed two Nights ago that I happen'd to Sit down in some Strange house with some Company & instantly it was made known to me, so that I doubted it not, that ye Devil sat in ye Company, I felt great abhorance & resentment of Mind, & as I was geting up to depart I looked with resentment at ye Devil & he appear'd to have Frederick Posts ficognomy & Dress in all appearance, So I departed, & awaked. This Man has told me that ye papists did not Worship Idols & endeavour'd to Excuse their making such things as if useful, but I shamed him so that he was Struck Silent. He told me, that St. Patrick's Night, so call'd, as he was drinking with ye officiers, & Geo. Croghan being President by ye Name

of St. Patrick, Drank Several Healths when ye President gave out King James's Health, which pass'd till it came to Lieu^t^ Roscurdge who s^d^, he was a Dam'd Raschael & although Much in Licquor was oblidg'd to drink a Bumper for refusing. I told Post in some parts this would be looked upon like Treason & ye Man that had that so near his heart was not very fit to be Trusted as an Ind^n^ Agent for ye Crown of England, considering what Interest & Influence he has amongst so many Nations of Indians, & ye Effect that French or Spanish Money might have on him.

21st.—This Old Man i. e. Post, would also endeavour to make us believe that ye Christians had Given ye Days & Months ye Common Names they go by when they had alter'd ye Sabbath to ye first Day of ye Week, but I told him he must produce better proof for that, before I should believe him, & that they were fell into great Appostisey if they done so.

This Man Professes Strongly of experienceing ye work of regeneration, being 12 Years under great Exercise of Mind, & now says he is led by ye divine Spirit but he Sallutes men by ye Hat & bowing & Cringing drink Healths & be their Humble Servant.

Post Told me, that Men led by ye Divine Spirit Might preach at any time they pleased, I told him they might & Exhort but not have ye Testimoney of Jesus which is ye Spirit of Prophesey.

26th.—The Indians seem under great Concern at ye Advantage ye English has Gain'd, by the peace being und^r^ jealousys that we will revenge their former Insults.

27th.—I have told some ye Indians on this Acco^t^ that our principles leads us to better things then theirs do them, One of the Delawars called John Armstrong, who led a party of them in ye War, & is reconed an Ill fellow had much discorse on this Subject & he's disapproving of ye Western Council fire being Errected signifying

that ye Old One at Philad^a & Onandago or Albany was ye Best & that at Philad^a was always Good, I asked him, as it was so and Pennsylv^a always used them well, why did they Breake it, & put it out by Going to War; his answer was that ye white people covets ye Land & Eat them out by Inches & that they are doing ye same here, which was against ye Will of God. I told him that if their people would amend their ways leave off ye Abominations they had amongst 'em & fear God, then he might Establish & increase them, but if they resisted as they do; it was my oppinion that they would Vanish & decay away & that ye Great Creator was Angry with their Works & would Give their Contry to Other people, if they Strove by War to divert it, it would come so much ye sooner to pass, observing ye Effects of the last War; he Acknowledged it might be so for he belived God was Angry with them.

30th.—The s^d Indian wants to Go with me & Old Nee McCollon & his Son when we Go to Philad^a but was affraid ye White people would kill him, but I removed his jelousey much on that head, but dont Covet his Company as he loves Liquor too much.

31st.—The Other two Above, has Engaged me to Wait their time & Go with them to which I am very free.

4mo 1st.—Frederick Post has been Courting me to go with him amongst ye Western & Northern Nations of Indians & so round to Cannada, but my Constitution I think might not be sufficient for ye Living I must be subject too to bear it.

He tells me, he knows of No Man Else, Amongst our Friends that understands, or is fit to go amongst ye Indians, & Owned that I had some religion which he will alow very few to have,—but ye more I know of Indian affairs ye less I covet it.

He also Informs me, that when Geo. Croghan was going to ye Treaty Held at Detroit 2 Years ago, he told him that it was not necessary to insist on Delivering up

ye Prisoners yet, but in time we might Get them all;—also last fall after ye Treaty at Lancaster when McKee was sent by Croghan to ye Shawanas, Post told him at Tuscorawas that some of them were coming up wth Prisoners, he answer'd he wish'd they had deferred it Longer.

4th.—Whatever ye Cause of these Messages might be, sent by McKee we see no better Effect this Spring, then that, we hear there is 100 of ye Shawana Wariors coming to see what Good usage they shall receive amongst us, & no prisoners but five that they had deliv'd to McKee in ye Winter; he is now return'd & these are coming at his Heels, a very likely Scheam to increase the Charges to our Province, or to ease dislike in ye Indians to it, as ye Commanders here alows no presents to be made them by Croghan, since ye Province has took it in Hand, & now he wanted to Slip off to Bedford out of their way, but ye Command^r told me he shall Stay their Coming.

5th.—Croghan wanted to Settle some Acco^ts of Goods del^d him by ye Command^rs Orders for ye Indians, out of our Store, offering me Peltry or a Draft on Philad^a as he termed it, but I refus'd both, untill ye Agent comes, not knowing whether his Draft might be protested, & knowing ye Peltry he has to offer are not Merchantable, & upon settleing must deliver him ye Orders we had from ye Command^rs & put ye whole in his power.

12th.—I sent off ye remaind^r of ye Peltry we had on hand 17 Horse Loads.

13th.—The Shawana Wariors are Come 90 in Num^r & 5 prisoners, they saluted ye Fort wth three rounds of Shot & were answered by firing three Cannon Shot.

14th.—I Coppied a piece of Writing that C^r F. Post Draw'd up about all his journeys & Messages amongst ye Indians for ye Publick & complains he only receiv'd £100 of ye Province of Pennsylvania which was not over what his Expences came to. It's word'd as if done by

another hand, & directed to ye printers of ye London Magazine to have it published in hopes to have some pension settled on him.

*15*th.—John Ormsby is return'd & a New Commissary to take his place. Josiah Davenport return'd & bro^t me a Letter from ye Commissioners giving their Aprobation of my going down to see my friends. The Shawanas that came here Lately, as I supose Invited in order to create Expences to ye Province & forbid to bring in ye Prisoners, but ye Deputy Agent being disappointed as Josiah Davenport was not here, there was none to Act in regard to making presents in behalf of ye Province, so Croghan nor his deputy Spoke at ye Treaty but Jno Hart, a Trader, was employ'd & Order'd to take Eleven Bundles Skins that ye s^d Indians had bro^t (when ye first party came in ye Winter & some this last party bro^t) to deliver them with ye Prisoners that was to all come this Spring, these Skins were depossited in the Fort untill ye Prisoners were deliver'd which is certain Since they had fully determined & would have bro^t them had not Some of us that find it our Intrest put a Stop to it. So Hart took ye Peltry & deliver'd them presents to ye Value as he liked, I supose, it was talked ye Indians were not very well Satisfied but they have no reason to blame any one unless them that Invited them on this idle Errand. Y^e Chief they said was that they come to Eat & drink with us & see us & this they did for ye Command^r Spared them Liquor enough to make them drunk; they mentioned that they see ye English were making Shoes to go down ye River, but they gave it as a friendly Advice that they might not go down to be contented here at this place, for there were many Bad people down there, but were answer'd that it was agread on by ye Kings of England & France, that ye former should take possession of ye Forts ye other had There, & that we should not go in ye Dark but in ye Open Light no War being Intended—So being asked

when they would bring in all ye Prisoners they answer'd they did not know, & its very like to be true, because ye man that they chiefly adhere to amongst us has carried his Polliticks so far that they do not know his pleasure yet in that point but I hear ye General has refused to pay him all ye Large Sums he made presents of to ye Indians on ye King's Account, & as he will now be in danger of haveing no more presents of Land made him from ye Indians, also apearing Meaner or poorer in thier Eyes since he's no longer enabled to put largely into thier mouths, so he is for declineing ye Service, & perhaps expects a Thousand pounds from ye King to bring him back to go down ye Missisippi, but he has gained too much influence over ye Indians already at other peoples cost which one day ye English may be convinced of.

5mo 6th.—Some Days ago came an Express from Detroit with Letters from Capt Campbell that ye Miami Indians had taken up ye Belt that was handed round amongst ye Indians last fall in order to joyne ye Mingoes to go to War with us, having deliver'd s^{d} Belt to him & aquaint'd him with ye Scheam. A party of about 30 Mingoes of which Silver Heels was one came here going to War wth ye Cherokees, they applyed to the Command^{r} Capt Aquoyer for some Amunition but receiv'd none & was told of their War Belts they send out So often in ord^{r} to raise War against us. I went to see Silver Heels, being such a Steady friend to ye English during ye War, & Shew'd my regard for him amongst them by giving him some good Tobacco, & Mentioned to my Company that he was ye Man that went to Martinico wth ye English, at which he seem'd well pleas'd. Many of ye others were half French I understood, but ye Capt seem'd to be all Ind^{n}.

10th.—Some Traders that came here from Salt Licks, up Beaver C^{r}, say that ye Delawars had held a General Feast, there ye Provision for it was 24 Bears 24 Deer

24 Turkeys & 24 Squirrels, by report they Hold this feast Yearly but Last Year had mist so this year they provided Double ye Quantity of Provission, ye Yearly alowance being but 12 of a Sort, & ye manner of performing it is. They Choose 6 Men head Councilors & 6 Young Men 12 in Num^{r} which bring 12 Stones & make them red Hot in a fire, on which Stones they Burn ye fat of ye Creaturs, in this manner, they bring 12 poles or long rods with Which they make a Booth cover'd with Blankets, in this Boothe they have ye Hot Stones & burn ye fat in it where thy Swet, & at ye same time Spake out to ye People, in ye following manner: Hear all of you & take Good Notice that in this manner Your Grandfather's perform'd their Worship, ye others gives ye Approbation, so ye Old Men in ye Booth make a huming Noise as by way of adoration or Prayer, & the Whole is finished with Singing & Dancing.

14th.—I have been down to Ligonier & back to Clappums at ye mouth of Sweekly Creek & have taken ye Courses (& Esteem^{d} ye Distances, at 20 p^{s} at a time) all round.

24th.—Dealt with Keecaises Son call'd ye Gentleman above £41. Worth (before Breakfast this Morning) in Peltry.

25th.—Some people here applying to Frederick Post to Marry them, he advised them to perform it as they do by a Magistrate and applyed to me to write a marriage Certificate which I did, as also an Advertism^{t} to stand 30 Days before ye Marriage be performed. The young man being a Soldier did not like being advertised, but being ye Command^{rs} Waiting man ye Command^{r} oblidg'd him to it, so ye Advertisem^{ts} are put up in three sundry places, which makes ye people here Stair, in being so Strange a thing here.

27th.—This morning soon came over ye Allegheny Custologas' Brother & Son James Mocasin ye Tortles Heart & another Ind^{n} from Shenangoe. I went to y^{e}

Shore to meet them & invited 'em to our House to Deal, so most of them came; we Delt about 80 Pounds worth before Dinner; they were in an unusual hurry, bo^{t} a Good deal of Powd^{r} & Lead & want'd more Powd^{r} but we had it not well to Spair; they seemed in no bad humour but rather in fear & haste, ye Tortle's Heart did not cross ye river wth ye rest but went to Allex^{r} McKee & asked him when he tho't to go down in ye Country, McKee answer'd in Ten Days; ye Indian desired he would go that Day or in four Days at furthest or else he should not expect to see him alive more & Signified as if ye Indians was just ready to Strike us.

28th.—The Command^{r} set ye Men to repair ye Fort & fasten up fachiens to Screen ye Men; orders was issued to all ye Inhabitants to form them into a Militia ye next Day.

29th.—This Morning before I was up, Capt Trent called at my window & told me that Wm Clappum (who had been ye Collonel) & most of his Work people was Killed, two men having made their escape, one of which I seen at our House after, who informed us that ye Agent's Horse was Stole by ye Indians, that I left at Clappums abo^{t} two Weeks before.

This morning at Breakfast I acquainted ye Agent that if he would get ready ye Inventory of ye Goods (which wanted but a few Hours work to compleat it), I would be for Setting off, as I Expected to have been ready & Gone before that time, but he signified I might as well Stay over untill I seen ye Consequence of ye reports of ye Indians & whether they would come to attack ye Fort or not. As he delayed finishing it for ye Matter of two Weeks, having no hinderance, I Expected he would detain me untill ye Communicati^{on} would be cut off with ye Inhabitants & then I must tarry untill Winter perhaps, which I did not choose, having ye Commissioners Leave above a Month before to come Down. I Considered of it Silently & ye determination

was to go to ye Command^r^ & ask him for a Pass, which I did & he Granted & Wrote a few Lines with me to ye Serjint that was at F^t^ Burd at Redstone, desireing him to come with his two men in a Canoe down to Pittsburgh. Y^e^ Agent seemed in a Passion at my Going off so, & Signified I looked upon myself as my own Master, & that I must not Expect to return there again while he was Agent, I told him I did not intend it, & upon asking him how long he wanted me to waite for ye Inventory, he signified he would not tell me nor I should not Stay now if I would, being I presumed to go on my own Accord, now Goe I must for this Boston Man from ye Beginning I tho^t^ wanted an Assistant of his own Choosing whom he might claim more domminion over then he could over me, as I was choose by ye Commissioners. He Acknowledged we never had no differances, so I told him not to be in a Passion as I had no Intention of affronting him, so I tooke my leave of him & having bo^t^ a little Packhorse for Seven Pounds I set off. Frederick Post accompany'd me over ye Monongahela & I tooke a long Path to Redstone Creek, make a fire & Slept in ye woods; was very well Satisfied in mind.

30th.—This Day came to ye River opposite ye Fort Burd, where Ind^n^ Peter and a White man was working at Corn; ye White man put me over in a Cannoe, Swam ye Creature. I informed them of ye Indians breaking out agin which put them in Great fear; got Breakfast at Indian Peter's House & they talked that he & his family would come down in ye Contry amongst his Wifes relations, being a White Woman. Set off & met ye Serjent & Jno Clark who had abo^t^ 40 Pack Horses then lying at Gest's place with Ind^n^ Goods, which he sent a Man out for, & they talked of Geting into ye Fort having abo^t^ 14 Men in all about ye place. Lay in ye Woods between Dunbars Camp & ye Great Meadows.

31st.—Came to ye Upper crossing of Youhiogheny

where there is three familys living, Virginians, I lodged at a House of Capt Spears, his Brother being there, two of his Children & a Negro; a Man that lived on ye West side of ye Creek set off Directly to Paterson's Creek to get Speer to Send up Horses to Carry them away. Two Women & some Children being by themselves on that side ye Creek Stayed there & one of them Loaded a Gun I heard to stand in her defence if ye Indians Should come.

6mo 1st.—Came this Day to George's Creek on ye East Side ye Allegheny Mountains. I seen an Indian run across through ye Alders & Thickets a Head of us, (having an old Man with me from ye Crossing) or Else some Bay or brown Creature must have deceived me much, as what I seen appears Straight in ye Shape a Man & not over 10 or 12 Yards off. This night it was so Cold at ye House by George's Creek we thot there was frost.

2nd.—Came only 12 Miles to Fort Cumberland, my little Beast having given out, so that I walked a Great part ye Road. I swaped it for a large Strong Horse, but not in very good order with one Martin, a Carpenter, who was undertaking of Building ye New Store House & repairing ye Old. I Drew a Bill on ye Commissioners for £14.13.0. I was to Give to Boot, he sold ye Horse for a year.

3rd.—Came as far as Flints on Potomak abo^{t} 12 Miles above Fort Frederick, civil people.

4th.—Dined at F^{t} Frederick & came as far as where Mushet Lived on Canochochique.

5th.—Dined at Shippinstown & lodged at McAllesters, within 5 Miles of Carslile.

6th.—Called at Francis Wests, at Carslile, but made but little Stay, came to James Kenny's near Croghan's Gap & sent Mathew Kenny with a few Lines to my Brother Charles & Wm Bales people, who were at work over at ye Tuscorora Creek.

7th.—This Evening Mathew return'd & brings Word

that they would come off tomorrow so I wait their coming, as they will be company for me to Chester County I expect.

8th.—Charles & Wm Bale Junr came over & agreed to go back and bring their things away.

9th.—I set off & get to Scotts near Lancaster. Lodged there this night.

10th.—Came into Lancaster, had Breckfast & so proceed'd, came to Wm Bales in ye Great Valley, stay'd two Days as it rain'd.

13th.—Came to Kennet where my Mother Lived who was exceeding glad to see me.

15th.—Got to Philada. Davenport having Wrote by ye Second Express that came from Pittsburgh to ye Commissioners, endeavour'd to throw Aspersions on me for comeing away without his Honours Approbation, & forbid them Settleing my Account untill his pleasure was further known Concerning it. Here I must ly out of my Money, for that Proud Man's revengeful pleasure. It often comes in my mind ye saying of George Croghan, to Frederick Post, after ye last Treaty at Lancaster (Croghan Shew'd his resentment so to our Province Interfering with Indian affairs), he said, ye dammage the Province had done by that Treaty would not be repaired this Seven Years. Now I question wt dammage has ever been known to arise from a friendly Conference with ye Indians, by a people they always profess to regard, & such a people to make them presents of some considerable Value, are these things cause of Agrivations to Indians, I think not, so that ye Agrivation was to him, & his Influence may cause disturbance this Seven Years, for his power was much felt; ye General allowing him to make no presents to ye Indians since ye Province had granted a Sum for that purpose, & it was said that ye General had refused to pass some of his Accounts for Gifts given ye Indians.